

SDVHS Advisory Council – August 8, 2007

1) John Heemstra – DIAL – reported on registration processes

- 327 registrations so far
- No major issues so far
- Put into an excel spreadsheet which helps to look at registrations
- DIAL is up a bit in registrations
- SDVHS has helped to legitimize distance classes

Screening

Course approval

Referrals for other classes

- Jaci has been extremely responsive

Concerns:

- Need for separate databases for semester and school year
- Need to have a fall providers meeting along with K12 data center
- Need a link to the schedule of the providers – video courses, example
- Pending – must do each individual acceptance (double click requirement – perhaps a checkbox would be good)

2) Tom Hawley – NSU

- Added a position for Spanish
- E-mentors coming for training
- School districts hold spots at NSU

3) We should get feedback from the consumers on how it is working

- Need to do a survey to counselors and principals
- Contact Kelly Duncan to be able to discuss registrations

4) Update

- Active course registrations: 332 total (*not including the e-learning center*)
- Students in the school's list: 408 total
- Pending course registrations: 88 total
- Districts participating: 106 total

5) Provider application concerns

- Individual applications have been submitted
- How do we assure that they are not using state resources as a company?
- Clarity for intellectual property
- Want to make sure we are allowing for great teachers to function in the capacity
- What is the motive for teaching a class?
- We need to grow our own resources from SD
- What about an RFP approach?

This should be decided based on:

- Delivery (WebCT or other)
- For profit?

- Need to go through district
- Overlap of courses?

Notify new application individuals

- Application not yet complete
- Should attach to a current provider/school district with the opportunity after stability to become their own provider

6) ND Online courses

- Approval of courses takes a ton of state resources
- Allow for different delivery modalities
- Rules/statute needed
 - Non – duplication of courses
 - format
 - schedule
 - an out for the disapproval of courses
 - should create a higher fee for out of state providers (why should SD providers bear the cost of course approval?)

7) Marketing

- Should be done primarily through the DOE advertising
- Postcards, podcast, banners
- APEX asked about what they are allowed to do for advertising – wanted to make sure that whatever they did was consistent

8) Evaluation survey

- Rapid – online survey and must be completed before ending the course
- DIAL – paper copy
- NSU – online survey
- Use of data:
 - Faculty
 - Course continuation
 - Expectations
 - Subject matter
 - Bring to the table at the provider meeting to determine how to roll this out
 - Joe will try to find commonalities of evaluations
 - Talk to K12 data center to see if the data can be sent to individual providers and the state
 - Talk to students with special needs and if we are meeting those needs